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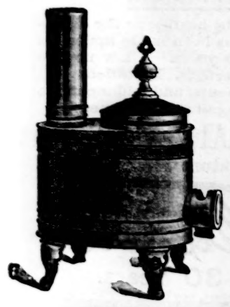

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We gave at the time a synopsis of the President's message delivered to Congress on Tuesday. We have since printed extracts from the newspapers which first came to hand, commenting upon it. The reader has no doubt been amused, if not amazed, at the wide divergence of views taken of the message even by papers professing the same political faith.

Apart from its value as a historical resume of events which have occurred within the public's own knowledge, it seems to us to have but one good thing in it. That is its treatment of the Cuban situation. We get a very clear view of the intentions of the administration in reference to Cuba. By the terms of the treaty with Spain, the Spanish residents of Cuba are allowed until April in which to elect whether they will become Cuban or Spanish subjects. As soon as that occurs, a convention—a constitutional convention, we may call it—will be brought into being, by the United States authorities, from the resultant electorate. At once, if we understand the President aright, Cuba becomes a political entity, the United States forces and other authority will be simultaneously withdrawn, and the future relation of the island to the United States will be a matter wholly within the will of Cuba. That just disposition of the case of Cuba we understand to be the direct result of the condition attached to the declaration of war with Spain, a condition which the administration cabal, it will be recalled, opposed so vigorously.

That the just attitude toward Cuba now assumed by the President is the result of the declaratory condition referred to, is proved by the manner in which he treats the Philippine question. He offers no suggestion as to the form of government which those islands are to succeed to; though, on the main point, he makes it clear that they are to remain under our sovereignty, for he takes up specifically the proposition to give them independence under a protectorate by the United States. This he brushes aside, as an impossibility, because it would subject the "loyal majority" to "the mercy of the minority of armed insurgents." But his reasoning is unsound or inadequate, for precisely the same plea has been urged by the more outspoken imperialists for the necessity of violating our pledge in the case of Cuba. Evidently the President finds it easier to accept the obligation imposed by the formal pledge to Cuba, and to disown the moral obligation to treat the Philippines in the same way, than to consider the two as but parts—as they are—of the same question. There are two things which distinguish the Philippine from the Cuban question: (1) we bought the Philippines from Spain, and (2) we are at war with their inhabitants. But both of these conditions are the creation of the President. He instructed his peace commissioners at Paris to do the first, and his military subordinates at Manila provoked the second.

The President repeats the stale excuse that no officer of the United States promised Aguinaldo Philippine independence in return for the assistance rendered by him and his army in the capture of Manila. Such a promise was not necessary, any more than that of France would have been to Washington in the American revolution. The Filipinos were fighting for independence, and the whole world knew that. Unless, therefore, the President can show that Aguinaldo renounced the purpose of Philippine independence when he gave his assistance to General Merritt and General Anderson, it remains that we are bound by that condition of affairs.

The kind of government which the President expects Congress to establish for the Philippines is revealed by the kind which he describes as that already established in Negros—a Governor appointed by the President of the United States, with a legislative "council" elected by the people, the Governor's authority being supreme. That is precisely the form of government against which the American colonies revolted. We have, therefore, the issue of imperialism squarely drawn between the Republicans and the Democrats.

The President goes back on his previous record, and declares for the gold standard. That makes issue number two.

But in the matter of the trusts—which many counted upon as likely to be the chief issue of the coming campaign—the President disappoints our McKinley "Democrats": he takes strong ground against them, just as the OBSERVER has been predicting for a year past he would do.

So much for the message as broadly related to politics. We shall discuss its details hereafter.

The President as Tricky as His Predecessor.

Atlanta Constitution.)

That the gold standard will be declared by the present congress, under the impulse of the president's message, may be accepted as a foregone conclusion. At the same time the fight of the democratic party against such action, and its duty in the premises remains as plain as ever and merits the approval of the people because of its straightforwardness in contrast with the devious course of the republican party.

As president of the United States, far removed from the immediate public pulse, Mr. McKinley declares for the gold standard in direct terms. Yet as a member of congress, charged with the duty of legislating for the public good, Mr. McKinley always voted for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver. How it is that through all of his distinguished congressional career, when he was dependent upon the immediate votes of the common people, Mr. McKinley could have been convinced of the correctness of the democratic financial position, only to take the contrary view after he reached the presidential chair, is one of those things which will puzzle the average mind. Nor is this all. In his canvass for the presidency Mr. McKinley opposed a declaration of the gold standard, and only pleaded for delay in the restoration of silver coinage pending the negotiation with foreign nations. In deference to his views the St. Louis convention failed to adopt the straight gold standard and pledged itself to international bimetallism instead. Hence, to this day the common people have never had an opportunity to vote on the straight issue, and the contention of Mr. McKinley now is to have it declared by indirection, so that when the next presidential election is reached, the plea will be made that the question having resolved itself into an accomplished fact, has passed out of the arena of debate. This course is all the more indefensible since in his message Mr. McKinley admits that there now exists no necessity for such a step, and that he only advises it to forestall a future recurrence of danger. Read between the lines, he might have said that it was to forestall free discussion before the people.

The means proposed by the president—that of discretionary bond issues and the redemption of old bond issues, in which the government will lose at its own game—is simply keeping the financial question open for speculation on Wall street. The United States treasury is to become responsive to the sub treasury in New York city and the financial congestion which has drained the rest of the country in favor of the metropolis is to be continued. Whenever the sharp operators of Wall street get together and corner the money supply, the secretary of the treasury, imitating the celebrated bond deal of Mr. Carlisle, is to hie to some back room in New York city, where he is to parcel out hundreds of millions of United States bonds to favored speculators who have compassed the deal and who will make millions out of the margins in premiums. Then again, the secretary of the treasury will purchase bonds sold at a low premium for one from 10 to 15 per cent. higher, the government itself becoming the purchaser of its own paper and paying the margin for the privilege of making the exchange. The speculators who pocket the difference will be the gainer, while the taxpayers who have the bills to meet will be loaded with additional burdens in order that an artificial money system may be maintained

The democrats can well afford to look upon the republican scheme with equanimity. They have all along opposed artificial finance, and favored that natural system which rests upon the precious metals and which regulates itself according to the natural law of supply and demand. In a government of popular suffrage no question is ever placed beyond the call of the people, and though they may be confused and mislead, the remedy always rests at last in the ballot box. To that tribunal finally the question must come, and when it does the democratic party will have that record of consistency which will commend it to the favorable consideration of the people. * *

The president's statement of the Cuban situation is singularly happy and definite. We have assumed control of Cuba under a definite pledge that her people shall be free and independent in the choice of their political future. Quiet having been restored and industry set in motion, the establishment of a Cuban electorate is the only question remaining. A census of the population is now being taken as a necessary basis of providing for an election. Under the treaty with Spain, the inhabitants of Cuba have until the 1st of April next to decide between their old allegiance and the new. This will complete the status of allegiance, and thereafter the Cuban voter will have become an actual fact. The next step will be a constitutional convention, elected by the Cuban people, with the organization of which the United States will have fulfilled its pledge. It will then rest with that convention, representing the sovereign will of the people of Cuba, to decide upon their political future, without limitation or suggestion. Whether their decision will be for an independent republic, a protectorate of the United States, or annexation to the United States, will all be purely questions for Cuban settlement.

It is to be regretted that in his treatment of the Philippine question, Mr. McKinley loses the definiteness with which he treats of Cuba. * * Nowhere, even now, does the president speak of the Filipinos as a people, or recognize them as a possibility of the future. Every word spoken about "liberty," and so on, refers to the individual and not to the national or even tribal character of the people. The establishment of local communal governments in favorable localities is suggested, being a direct opposite to the Cuban proposition. Whether even these governments will be anything more than mere boards removable by the major general commanding, there is no assurance. Beyond the general declaration that the future of the Philippines rests with congress, the possible action of which is being either anticipated or nullified by the military, the message is vague and unsatisfactory.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Wilmington Messenger.

The very long and well written message of President McKinley will be read generally with unusual interest. Owing to the very radical and new departure made by his administration in the grave matter of foreign conquests, a large space is demanded for the consideration of the wars waged and the serious results following. The message presents in good style the cause of the administration, and with no little of plausibility, self gratulation and earnest persuasion. If the president is really sincere in all he says, he believes that to turn back on the policy and traditions of our republic, to ignore the constitution and the declaration of independence, to set aside as effete and superannuated all the teachings of the greatest men this country has produced, to repudiate all the safe guards and muniments as well as faiths of the people, is wise, just, progressive, noble, merciful, great. Such is the real meaning of his studied, labored, deliberate plea for his conduct as presented in his insinuating, astute and something ingenious message to the congress. Let the people study it carefully and then let them read the elaborate arguments already presented in the magazines and great newspapers, and to be presented in both houses of the new congress, before coming to any conclusion. Hear both sides in a sound maxim, ancient, and yet modern by necessity.

We make this statement because the body of the message is devoted to strictly foreign affairs, and the subjects connected therewith are multitudinous owing to the rapid "expansiveness" and warlike policy of the administration. Empire means numerous foreign possessions and complications and urgent responsibilities. * * He is staunchly for the single gold standard. He has turned a summersault upon the last republican platform. He mumbles something about the parity of gold and silver, which is in his mouth unmitigated bosh. With him 50 cents silver amounts to preserving and "maintaining the parity—" to quote him. * * He has much to say against trusts. We can only hope he is honest and sincere. Let the congress take steps to put bits and brakes upon the monsters of iniquity. The president thinks there must be a remedy for such curses Let it be found by the congress. * * There are now 45,966 soldiers in Manila, and soon the force will be 65 534. In Cuba and Porto Rico and Hawaii there are in officers and men 14,537. In the United States there are 910 officers and 17,317 men. So in all the army now is 98,296 The people are now bearing this huge burden. He recommends that the navy be still further enlarged.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The message to Congress of President McKinley, printed today, is one of the most remarkable official documents that has been promulgated in this country for some time, though both Mr. McKinley and his predecessor have been responsible for messages of no mean novelty. In all fairness to Mr. McKinley it can be said that the paper is fresh proof, if such were needed, that the nation has a politician for president, and one withal who lacks the fertility of expedient and the decisiveness that go to the make up of even the first class politician. The message so palpably in many parts a defense of the course of the administration, has clumsy rhodomontade where an able advocate would have put clever justification, while the references to the "market price of liberty" and the "stringent anti trust law" that his Attorney General has made a dead weight on the Federal statute books can scarcely be considered happy in the present State of the public mind.

Emergencies take the measure of men and of parties. They bring the opportunity of the highest success or danger of the deepest disaster. No president of the republic since 1868 has had so many emergencies to meet as Mr. McKinley. His was the opportunity to indicate to 70 000 000 of people what would be the clear policy of a victorious party of which he is the official head and therefore what will be the policy of the Government in conditions of the gravest possible import in both domestic and foreign affairs. Let him who can find aught of clear policy in Mr. McKinley's message as regards the two most absorbing public questions—trusts and the disposition of Cuba and the Philippines. In regard to trusts there is only a deal of awkward stump oratory, a warning not to act rather than an encouragement to his party to act vigorously, while we are told how naughty the rebels have been in the Philippines, and how the broad mantle of executive "clemency" will descend upon them, instead of what should be done with the islands. Like when the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, the Chief Executive has nothing to recommend. As to Cuba there is the citation of the Congressional pledge to let Cubans govern themselves, followed by a picture of the dire things that will follow if the pledge is kept. Hawaii is to have the unutterable bliss of a Federal judge, and Porto Rico a ready made "temporary government," though everybody had supposed that it had that boon already.

Though Mr. McKinley indicates no policy for his party in the crisis which confronts the country, it is plain enough that his procrastination means "laying on the new world burdens of the old." By dodging and delay it is hoped to impress the public that militarism and imperialism have been fixed on the country by force of circumstances and not by the deliberate choice of the Republican party. Congress can be spared the necessity of action or declaration of intention, beyond voting means, ships and money to prosecute the war on the Filipinos, while the people are tickled with reports of victory and habituated, without sudden jars, to bearing the expenses of war. By and by when a reckoning is called the Republican party can hold up its hands and exclaim: "Thou can't not say I did it."

Upon a few points, however, Mr. McKinley is clear—the Hanna Payne ship subsidy steal is to be put through, the existing gold standard is to be maintained through a patent process for issuing and selling gold bonds, and the control of the currency is to be more than ever turned over to national banks.

Raleigh Post.]

It is unquestionably a very able document, strongly expressed, unequivocal in its assertion of administrative purpose and recommendation to the Congress of policies to be inaugurated. For this both the President and the country are to be congratulated. However we may differ with the administration, it is best that its position shall be well defined and frankly stated. This message is conspicuous for its unreservedness in declaring a policy, assuming a responsibility, meeting issues, and commending legislative action. It is needless to attempt to analyze it, as its construction is of such character that it cannot be misunderstood. It is the Republican policy well defined, both as to affairs domestic and as concerns our foreign relations and interests. It declares for the strict maintenance of the gold standard.

It is strictly Democratic concerning those iniquities known as trusts. Our party must view with great pleasure this pledge of co-operation on the part of the Republicans on measures to eliminate, curtail or control these illegal combinations in restraint of trade and the freedom of the individual in the peaceful pursuit of business. We are not going to turn loose any advantage secured by the purchase of the Philippines, if Mr. McKinley can help it, though good local governments will be established so soon as the people show themselves, in the estimation of Congress, to be fitted for such responsibility. He plainly suggests the passage of the ship subsidy scheme, which is decidedly undemocratic.

These are the salient points of greatest immediate public interest. We can not close our eyes to the importance of the Message as a campaign document. On the questions of the gold standard and ship subsidy only does it antagonize declared Democratic policies. What position our party may take on the other great questions is yet to be determined. The paper will be read with great interest.

Atlanta Journal.)

The annual message of President McKinley is remarkable for its length. It is remarkable in a still greater degree for the president's change of position on the most important topics with which the message deals. The platform upon which Mr. McKinley was nominated for president straddled the currency question, and, as he is by nature a straddler, the platform fitted him admirably.

It would be almost impossible to ascertain from his campaign speeches how he stood on the coinage question. He now comes forth as an avowed and absolute champion of the gold standard. In his inaugural address he posed as the opponent of "territorial greed," and in messages to congress just before the war with Spain he repudiated with a fine show of scorn the idea that the war was to be waged for territorial expansion or the aggrandizement of our government. With him it was then a war for humanity, pure and simple. In his message it is made a war of subjugation, a gigantic land-grabbing scheme. He comes out against the trusts in a lot of generalities, and the only good things in this part of his message are those which he quotes from the official utterances of Cleveland and Harrison when they occupied the presidential chair.

He is for subsidies, of course. * * The rest of it is more like a Republican campaign document than the message of a statesman to the highest legislative body of a great nation.

The Democratic Leader.

Says a Washington letter to the Baltimore Sun:

The complimentary nomination for Speaker of the House in the Fifty sixth Congress given to Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, yesterday by the Democratic caucus, and carrying with it the position of floor leader of the minority, could scarcely have been more worthily bestowed. The Republicans unite with the Democrats in saying that Mr. Richardson can handle the minority as well as anyone, and will not only give his party satisfactory service, but conduct his opposition to the Republican programme in such a manner as not to offend his opponents. Mr. Richardson's capabilities as a parliamentarian are well known, although it remains to be seen just how far parliamentary tactics will avail in the House this winter.

Under the conditions which will prevail in the House, the Democrats can hope for credit and results more from strategy and skill than from a sullen or vociferous opposition. While Mr. Henderson, who will be Speaker, is one of the most amiable men in the House, he is subject to outbreaks of temper which he will no doubt strenuously seek to check, but a consummate master of parliamentary procedure and tactics, such as Mr. Richardson is, should find many weak points in the Speaker's rulings, should he be on the alert.

HAS THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP.

While Mr. Richardson may lack the keen wit and bitter sarcasm of Representative DeArmond, or the smooth speech of Representative Bailey, or the blind obstinacy of Sulzer, he probably combines more qualities essential to a minority leader than any of the others. He was not the choice of Bailey and those who managed the Bankhead-Sulzer campaign, but at least three-fourths of the members voting for either Sulzer or Bankhead were really in favor of Richardson, and were held in line only through pledges. Every one admired the faithful support given to Representative De Armond. His friends showed their strong admiration for him, and while unsuccessful, his prestige is by no means impaired. On the whole, the nomination of Mr. Richardson leaves the party in the House in much better condition than it was last session, and it appears he will command the confidence of the majority and minority alike and receive the cordial support of the Democrats. This will be quite a contrast to the jealousies and half hearted support given "Leader" Bailey in the last Congress.

The proposition to increase the membership of the Committee on Rules was rejected by the Republican caucus. Representatives Henderson, Dalzell and Richardson will be members of this committee. The choice for the other two places seems to be between Representatives Payne, Hopkins and Grosvenor, of the Republicans, and Representatives De Armond and Bailey, of the Democrats.

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The Fires Wednesday.

There were five fires Wednesday, three of which required the services of the Fire Department, and one proving almost fatal. The burning of the Hickson Lumber Co.'s plant and the residence of Capt. A. B. Williams we told of yesterday afternoon. The last one to which the fire company responded was the large house on Mumford street adjoining the Carolina Machine Works, where a blaze was found making considerable headway on the roof, but which was soon squelched by the fire company, with a loss of a hundred or two dollars.

The fires subsequent to the destruction of the lumber company's plant were no doubt due to sparks from that conflagration, which were whirled through the air in all directions.

Capt. Williams's loss is estimated at fully $4,000, with partial insurance. A quantity of the personal effects were saved, but are greatly damaged.

There was a slight blaze at Miss Mallet's scholl, on Rowan street, which the children extinguished before any damage was done.

What proved to be almost a fatal fire, occurred on Winslow street Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The four-year old son of Archie White, one of A. E. Rankins & Co.'s draymen, set fire with a match to the dress of his little two-year-old sister, and but for the timely appearance of Nathan Dunn, who happened to be passing and heard her screem, this child would have been burned to death. As it was, she is seriously burned, though probably not fatally.

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Major Wm. A. Guthrie has received the following official notification of the death of his brother, Walter H. Guthrie, mention of which has been made in this correspondence:

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, Dec. 4, 1899.

Mr. Wm. A. Guthrie, Durham, N. C.:

The Department regrets to inform you that Walter Guthrie, late private Company A, 12th United States infantry, died November 4th, 1899, on transport "Sherman," enroute to San Francisco. The body was brought to the United States, and, it is presumed, was interred in the National Cemetery, Presidio, Californaia.

(Signed) THOMAS WARD,
Assistant Adj't General.

Deceased was born in Chatham county, N. C., December 1, 1851, and was about forty-eight years of age. About 20 years ago he enlisted in the U. S. Army and went to the frontier States of the West, where he engaged in military service against hostile Indians for several years. At the outbreak of the war between the United States and Spain, he went with his regiment to Cuba, and participated in the fighting incident to the invasion of Cuba, from Daiquiri to El Caney and Santiago. After the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain, he was sent with his regiment on the transport "Sheridan" from New York by way of the Suez Canal to the Philippine Islands, landing at Manila last Spring and participating in the fighting in the Philippines, until he accidentally wounded his right hand in boring a hole through a piece of bamboo for some purpose, and this wound necessitated his being sent to the hospital in Manila, where a surgical operation had to be performed. The last letter received from him by his brother, Major Guthrie, was written from the United States hospital at Manila, and at that time, owing to his wounded hand, he dictated the letter which was written for him by a friend. He then wrote that he feared that his soldier days were over, and he would have to be invalided back home. He died at sea before reaching San Francisco. Deceased knew no such word as fear, and had by constant practice become one of the crack shots of his regiment. He had fought with hostile Indians in the West, with cattle thieves on the borders of the United States and Mexico along the Rio Grande; in northern Texas and Arizona; with Spaniards in Cuba; with Filipinos around Manila, without ever receiving so much as a scratch in any of these perilous engagements and adventures, to meet his death at last by boring a hole in a bamboo. He has fought his last fight, and like the true soldier he was, has found his last resting place in a soldier's cemetery of the nation. He leaves behind him an untarnished name. Surviving him is a sister, Mrs. Della Frazier, of Gulf, N. C; two brothers, W. S. Guthrie, of Boston, Mass.; and Major William A. Guthrie, of Durham, also a half brother. John S. Guthrie, of Chapel Hill. Deceased was also a first cousin of our townsman, S. C. Anderson.

Time for Action by Attorney-General Griggs.

Atlanta Journal)

In view of the supreme court's recent anti-trust decisions the allusions to the subject of trusts in Attorney General Griggs' report are of special and timely interest.

That official says that applications are frequently made to the department of justice to have legal proceedings instituted against corporations or combinations of companies that are alleged to be engaged in forming or maintaining monopolies or agreements in restraint of trade or competition.

The attorney general proceeds to say that "such actions can be maintained only when the offense comes within the scope of the federal statute.

"The only federal legislation against combinations in restraint of trade is contained in the so-called Sherman act.

"The government has no constitutional right to supervise, direct or interfere with the transaction of ordinary business by the people of the several states unless such business relates directly, and not incidentally, to interstate commerce, and such has been the decision of the supreme court of the United States,

"In all cases where the facts presented to the attorney general, capable of legal proof, have established satisfactorily such an agreement or combination in restraint of interstate commerce as is contemplated by the Sherman act, legal proceedings have been taken by him in the name of the United States either to dissolve the combination or to punish the offenders by indictment."

Nobody expects the attorney general to bring an action except "when the offense comes within the scope of the federal statute," but the country has a right to expect that he and his subordinate officers shall do whatever they can to secure a vigorous enforcement of the anti-trust law as well as the other federal statutes.

We have rarely heard of a prosecution of a trust originating in the department of justice.

The decision of the supreme court is so clear and so sweeping as to the intention and scope of the Sherman anti-trust law that the attorney general may now be able to perceive offenses where he could not discover them before. At any rate let us hope so.

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BEAVER DAM ITEMS.

BEAVER DAM, Dec. 3, 1899.

Mrs. Estella Rollins of the "sunny neck" region, spent some time in Beaver Dam this week visiting relatives.

Mr. A. S. Hall who has been in Georgia for the last two years practicing law has returned to the old county, and we hear is going to settle in Fayetteville to practice his profession.

Mrs. Daniel Hales is in Fayetteville this week visiting relatives.

Rev. Wm. Melvin, of Winnie, N. C., filled his regular appointment at Beaver Dam church Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. S. and Eason Bullard, of Fayetteville, spent some time at the old homestead this week.

Master Wm. Hall, the little son of Mr. Enoch Hall, is on the sick list this week we regret to say.

We attended the Sunday school picnic at Concord church Sunday, December 3rd. A very large congregation of people and very fine music—a good time in general, was pronounced by all. JACK.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on B. E. Sedberry & Son, Druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

An editor prints his paper to give his patrons the news of the day and for the money there is in it. He is presumed to know of what he writes, and he generally does. When he writes as he does in the *Leader Courier*, Osceola Mills, Pa., without fee or hope of reward, that "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy sets magically, and we have found none better in our household. If you have a cough, try it," it may be accepted as an honest expression, worthy of credence. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1900.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

"Where the gold Democrats are numerically weak they will profess to accept the platform, but will oppose every plan that is calculated to bring success to the platform."
—William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

Democrats Getting Together.

Atlanta Constitution.

On the eve of his departure for Europe Mr. Croker reiterated the declaration that William J. Bryan will be the standard-bearer of the democratic party in the next campaign. To this he adds the statement that Mr. Bryan is the only man to lead the party in view of the issues on which the next fight will be made. To Mr. Bryan he pledges the support of Tammany.

In view of the fact that Mr. Croker would doubtless prefer some other democrat as a candidate, his remarks are significant. Their significance lies in the fact that the Tammany leader after carefully investigating the whole field has found the democratic party solidly united in behalf of Mr. Bryan. Even the voters who give to Tammany hall its strength and influence are in favor of the renomination of Mr. Bryan. Democrats in all parts of the country are well-nigh unanimous in the belief that he is the man of the hour.

The elements that were opposed to him four years ago have no reason for opposing him now. The gold dollar has depreciated until now it is a 50-cent dollar as compared with its value in 1896, and the result is prosperity. Even the gold standard men agree that the rise in prices has brought prosperity, and we doubt very much in view of events whether the gold democrats, the men who were deluded into the belief that the gold standard would provide a "sound and stable currency," will have any further fault to find with Mr. Bryan's financial views. Indeed, should prices go much higher, we expect to see the gold men calling for the single silver standard.

These matters apart, however, democrats everywhere feel that Mr. Bryan is the man for the nomination. He represents his party, and the people believe in his wisdom, his conservatism and his statesmanship. Even Mr. Hill sends out word that he will support the nominee and the platform of the next national democratic convention "even if that candidate is William J. Bryan and the platform is reiteration of the Chicago platform."

Such explicitness is refreshing, and shows that democrats of all shades are getting together for the next campaign.

What the Figures Show.

Charlotte News.

Since the recent elections persistent efforts have been made by certain anti-Bryan, anti-Chicago platform Democratic papers to produce the impression that the results were unfavorable to the Democratic party.

The New York World, which is opposed to Mr. Bryan, prints the following table, showing the official figures for the seven important States, comparing the showing in the year before the last presidential election and the showing the present year:

	Plurality, 1895.		Plurality, 1899	
Iowa	59,256	Rep.	56,472	Rep.
New Jersey	26 900	Rep.	21,941	Rep.
Maryland	18,767	Rep.	12,214	Dem.
Penn'vania	241,397	Rep.	106,217	Rep.
Kentucky	8,912	Rep.	2,266	Rep.
Ohio	92,622	Rep.	50,512	Rep.
Nebraska	3,202	Dem.	15,000	Fus.

In 1895 the great and good Grover Cleveland (to whom our anti-Bryan contemporaries point with so much pride and whom they recall with so much regret) was President, and the Democrats had with them all the power and prestige of the Federal government. The conditions are reversed now, and the Democrats must fight without the great weapon of Federal power. In spite of this they make a far better showing than they did when Cleveland was President.

The showing is even better than indicated in the World's table. For ten years the Republicans have been in a majority in Ohio. Now the combined vote of McLean and Jones shows that they are in a minority of 50,000, in spite of the fact that their candidate for Governor is elected.

In Kentucky the Democrats have carried the Legislature, and by adding John Young Brown's vote to the Goebel vote, it will be seen that the Democrats are in more than a safe majority.

Maryland has been changed from the Republican to the Democratic column; the plurality in Pennsylvania has ben cut down one-half. In every single state the Republican pluralities were reduced.

That is the showing the figures make.

It is enough, to call the facts to the attention of the sensible and unprejudiced.

Democrat to Succeed Wellington.

The result of the recent Maryland election has caused gossip to begin as to the next Senator to succeed Senator Wellington. The Legislature elected will not choose a Senator, but the Legislature elected next year, will elect. The result of the election makes it almost certain that the Democrats will control the Maryland Legislature on joint ballot when a new Senator is to be chosen. It is the general opinion that the feud which has been engendered between the friends of Senator Wellington, and Gov. Lowndes will cause Maryland to remain Democratic. Senator Gorman is spoken of as the probable successor to Senator Wellington. Outside of Maryland he is the unanimous choice of Democrats, all of whom would like to see him back in the Senate.

Mr. Pulaski Cooper, of Raleigh, was here Tuesday and he and Col. Pemberton made a most satisfactory adjustment of the Capt. A. B. Williams fire. Messrs. Nimocks & Cook and their adjuster, Mr. Weatherly, also agreeably disposed of the Rankin & Hickson losses.

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The famous little pills.

General Henderson on War.

Gen. D. B. Henderson, of Iowa, Speaker of the House of Representatives, made a speech at a soldiers' gathering in Chicago September 12, 1893. Its fervid rhetoric and forceful facts, says the New York World, are timely in view of the official record that our losses in the Philippine war, which was never proclaimed or authorized by Congress, have been in killed, wounded and missing fully 3,000, while the Filipinos have sacrificed at least 20,000 in their struggle for freedom. General Henderson said:

"Mr. President: My theme today is war, and I am against it. I wish I had all the gifts to speak my abhorrence of war.

"Art, poetry, romance and history have magnified and glorified the soldier, but the time is coming when these great instruments of power will desert their favorite theme and lead the great forces of thought away from the slaughter house up to the higher fields of human action.

"The bull fight, the cock pit, the prize ring and the battlefield must all go down together.

"It takes courage, I grant, to face death. The sufferings and the trials of the soldier have not been exaggerated. But the courage needed to face danger and death ranks far below the courage that faces the superstitions, the prejudices, the wealth and the establised customs of the world.

"The great man reasons; the small man fights.

"Grant's words of peace will survive his mightiest war cry.

"The cost of war alone should make us stop and think.

"The public debts of the world are $29,000,000,000, and it is safe to say that every dollar of this is the fruit of war. What a strain upon earth, shops and fields!

"In one hundred years Great Britain hss paid $4,792,206,010 for war.

"During these one hundred years fifty of them were devoted to human slaughter.

"The cost of our own Civil War was $6,508,429,909.

"Young as we are as a nation, we have spent eighteen long years in battle—four of them in deadly fratricidal strife. Today the genius of our country, indeed of the world, is bending all its powers to increase the capacity for destruction of all the terrible engines of death. Is it not high time that each citizen became a Nazarine to proclaim peace among the people? Let every martyr's grave be a sermon and every widow's wail a hymn for peace. Let us cut down our army bill and save our earnings for the schoolhouse, the library and the home.

"Europe is expending on her armies $814,000,000 annually.

"No wonder the children of the Old World have been seeking a new home!

"Should humanity weep in order that tyrants may laugh?

"Should the homes of the people be loaded down with billions of debt in order that some heartless murderer may wear a diadem?

"The wretches that have wrought this desolation are the panthers, the hyenas and the ghouls of humanity.

"I appeal to you, brave men of many battles, who have seen and felt and comprehended! I cry out to you to throw your influence into the scales and urge the world to seek some forum where the arbitrator shall not be the dripping sword.

"War is demoralizing.

"War is desolating.

"War consumes the toil and comfort of our people.

"War is the world's terrible relentless, remorseless inquisition.

"War is the weapon of tyrants, the prop of thrones.

"War, the black pathway to hell, has been the pretended passage to heaven.

"War has been justifiable perhaps, and may be again, as sometimes is the surgeon's knife, but only to save life or something better and dearer than life.

"Let the time soon come prayed for by the poet:

" Till the war drum throbbed no longer
And the battle flags were furled
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world;
There the common sense of most
Shall hold a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law.' "

Fayetteville Gaining Fame Abroad.

The people of the United States are at last beginning to learn something of Fayetteville, and now it is a frequent occurrence to fine articles in northern, as well as southern journals, about our progress and manufactories, taken originally from the columns of this paper.

In a recent edition of the Philadelphia Record, we find the following:

A new cotton manufacturing device, the recent invention of a North Carolina man, on which he has secured a patent, is being manufactured at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College textile department at Raleigh. None of the machinery has yet been completed, but we understand that its purpose is to prevent the stopping of a whole frame when the thread on a single spindle breaks. This invention is so applied that in case of the breaking of a thread only the spindle with the broken thread stops work, the others of the frame proceeding uninterruptedly on.

The inventor's name is Wetmore, and he is not a mill man, as might be inferred, but a lawyer residing at Fayetteville, N. C., where are located the silk mills owned by Dwight Ashley and associates of Pennsylvania. At these mills, which started up two or three months ago with negro operatives, several white girls from Pennsylvania (formerly operatives in the Bailey mill at Columbia, Pa.) are now employed to teach the negroes how to manipulate the machinery, etc. Mr. Ashley recently visited his mill and is said to have expressed the opinion that the negro operatives will "pan out" all right in time. If they do this will be an exceptional case, as all the mills in the South which heretofore have tried negroes as operatives have finally discarded them and and employed white labor again—with one exception, the Vesta Mill at Charleston, S. C., which still has trouble in keeping a full force of efficient hands, although it has the entire colored population of a city of over 60,000 inhabitants, fully half of whom are negroes, to draw from.

ELECTRICITY IN NORTH CAROLINA MILLS

From recent developments among North Carolina mills, it is evident that electricity is to be largely employed as the motive power, especially where water power is not readily available.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says, "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. King Bros.

THE ROBERTS CASE.

A Washington telegram says:

Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, who was not allowed to be sworn in as a representative in congress of that state, has issued an address to the American peole. It contains much that was said by Mr. Roberts on the floor of the house, and by Mr. Richardson, who opposed the resolution of Mr. Taylor, of Ohio. After reviewing the facts and proceedings resulting in the appointment of the committee, he says:

"The member from Utah is not allowed to take the oath of his office, and a committee is appointed to try him as to his alleged guilt of the offenses charged. Nay, even more is granted than was asked, at least more than was asked upon the floor of the house. For a hostile committee has been appointed to enquire into the case. Its membership is composed entirely of those who voted to adopt the method of procedure. I ask the American people to stop and think what they may mean to this country in times of high political excitement and party strife and passion.

"1. A formidable minority in the house may be reduced either to a very insignificant minority, or even blotted out of existence.

"2. The representation to which the state is entitled on the floor of the house may be denied to it, as in his Utah case, for any length of time this committee may elect to deny it such representation. Suppose that in this case the committee shall see proper to proceed with reasonable expedition to consider the questions involved, but what is there to hinder it delaying its action under one pretext or another as long as it pleases? It can prolong its investigations for two years as well as a month or a year, if it so elects, and meantime deny to a state representation, and may defeat altogether the expressed wish of a people of a state as to their choice of a representative.

"3. This new precedent also strikes down the constitutional guarantee of a right to one accused of a crime to 'a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state wherein the crime shall have been committed.'

"The proposition is not to deprive me of my seat in congress by the presentation of records of conviction for crime before courts before which I have been found guilty, under the due forms of the law. The proposition is to try me before the committee of the house, to send for persons and papers, and witnesses to ascertain my guilt or innocence of an alleged misdemeanor, reported to have been committed in Utah.

"If I were guilty of the misdemeanor charged—even flagrantly so—here in the capital I could not even be arrested for the offense, so slight is it considered under the law. The constitution gives the members of congress immunity from arrests for misdemeanors, except for breach of the peace, and yet for an alleged misdemeanor for which I could not be arrested while in attendance upon the house, or while going to or from it, I am deprived the right to take the oath of my office; my final right to my seat is in jeopardy; the people of one of the sovereign states is denied representation, so long as it shall suit the purpose of the committee to have it so, and the expressed will of the people of a state is in danger of being defeated.

"It is true that the representative from Utah is a 'Mormon' and just now against the Mormon people a wave of popular sentiment created by falsehood chiefly by the charge that Utah has broken her compact with the United States in the matter of polygamy; that her people contemplate the revival of polygamous marrriages; that the seating of Utah's representative would be regarded by her Mormon population as an endorsement of polygamy, and would be a menace to the American home. Upon my honor as a representative from the state of Utah a man in whom the people of Utah have reposed their confidence, both non-Mormans as well as Mormans, I solemnly deny those charges. They are not true. The only thing chargeable to some few men in the state of Utah, is that they have not deserted the plural wives they married years ago, previous to the settlement of the polygamy question between the government of the United States and the state of Utah.

"Even continuing the relations formed before this settlement of the question, though their disruption was neither demanded by the enabling act, nor contemplated in the provisions of the state legislation, are under the law a misdemeanor and punishable; but it has not been regarded as necessary to good morals or public policy, to prosecute people for this offense, and neither by the republican party or by the democrats, has the existence of such relations been considered a bar to political preferment until the political and religious enemies of the present representative from Utah thought proper to urge them against him. But such men have been elected to offices of high honor in the state of Utah, and others against whom such charges were made by affidavits, were appointed to federal offices in the state, notwithstanding such objections were urged against them.

"I shall do all I can to maintain my rights under the constitution. I stand alone, save for the very few who gave me their very guarded support by voting against the monstrous proceedings that prevent me from taking the oath of office. I am without a dollar at my command, except the salary attached to my office, with which to fight the battle now pending before the special committee. I am without legal counsel except for the kindly suggestions of here and there a word from a lawyer acquaintance or friend. I want the condition here named to stand as a refutation to the sensational charges that have been made about the Mormon Church standing behind me, with any amount of money for legal counsel, and the maintenance of a lobby in Washington."

A REPLY TO THE ABOVE.

Washington, December 8.—An answer to Mr. Brigham Roberts' address to the American people, was issued today, by a delegation representing the Gentile element in Utah, who are here to oppose Mr. Roberts. The answer is as follows:

"In the morning's papers Mr. Roberts makes an appeal for sympathy in which are many statements needing correction while many facts are suppressed.

"Mr. Roberts says he has not been convicted since statehood. It does not follow that he is annocent. He is now a fugitive from justice in Salt Lake county on a charge of unlawful cohabitation and in Davis county, Utah, where resides one of his polygamous wives with her illegitimate twins, born August 11, 1897, a charge of adultery (a felony under the laws of Utah) has been for two months pigeon-holed by a Mormon prosecuting attorney.

"Mr. Roberts in his attempt to belittle his crimes insists that he is only charged with a misdemeanor. He knows better. He knows that he has been, under oath and before proper prosecuting officers, charged with the felony of adultery, as well as the misdemeanor of unlawful cohabitation.

"Many sentimental people are being misled by Mr. Roberts' very ingenious suggestions from which some people infer he took his polygamous wives when it was lawful to do so. This is a mistake. Adultery was a crime in Utah when Mr. Roberts was born and at the time of the passage of the Cullom anti-polygamy act, Mr. Roberts was only 6 years old. His plea for sympathy, therefore, amounts only to this, that he should be allowed to continue his criminal practice, notwithstanding he took his polygamous wives in defiance of law. We demand that he should support his families, but also demand that he shall cease the begetting of further illegitimate offspring, and this is our only bone of contention, the only thing demanded which he refuses to yield. In this matter we disclaim any desire to have him declared ineligible because he is a Mormon, but solely because he is violating and defying the laws of our state, of the United States and of common decency.

"Ex Congressman W. H. King was and is a Mormon, and no claim of ineligibility was ever made against him. We point to this fact as showing that we oppose Mr. Roberts, not upon the ground of any religious opinions entertained by him, but because of his criminal practices. Neither is this a matter of religious or political persecution or prejudice. The undersigned include men of different churches and men who belong to no church, those who are republicans and those who are democrats.

"Mr. Roberts denies and we assert that the compact between Utah and the other states has been violated. As evidence that this compact has been broken, we point to the following:

"1. That in Utah 1,000 illegitimate children have been born to polygamous wives since statehood.

"2. That about 2,000 polygamous households now exist in Utah and that the attempt to secure a puishment of these offenders is denounced by the majority, as we believe, of Utah citizens.

"3. That the circumstantial evidence unmistakably points to the existence of new wives in polygamous households, the most conspicuous examples of which are the cases of Apostles Abraham H. Cannon, John W. Taylor and Apostle Tuesdale, in at least the first of which the church organ of the dominant church refuses to deny the marriage and the new polygamous wife is employed as teacher in a church academy.

"4. That the very men who interpreted the manifesto of 1899 to prohibit unlawful cohabitation with prior acquired wives, now publicly justify its continuance.

"5. That most of the same men who in a petition for amnesty pledged their sacred honor for the obedience of the law by their people, are now by example and precept encouraging the commission of the crime of unlawful cohabitation.

"6. As a further evidence of this bad faith, we call attention to the fact that men holding high church office have pled guilty to the crime of unlawful cohabitation before the state courts without having their church standing affected, even in some cases having their fines paid by sympathetic friends.

"7. All this is by necessary implication endorsed by a majority of Utah's people in the election of Brigham H. Roberts, who, during his campaign for election, was publicly charged with being a violator of the laws, as evidenced by his illegitimate progeny, and in spite of these undenied charges he was elected by an overwhelming majority.

"That Mr. Roberts himself understood that compact to mean the discontinuance of unlawful cohabitation we point to his registration oath of 1895, in which he swore it to be his intention to obey the law prohibiting unlawful cohabitation.

Signed.—T. C. Liff, Salt Lake; G. W. Martin, Manti, Utah; C. M. Owen, Salt Lake; J. M. Combe, Brigham City, Utah; A. T. Schroeder, Salt Lake.

The Blight of Clevelandism.

Atlanta Constitution.

Certain newspapers of the country, discussing the present democratic situation, seek to draw comfort from the thought that it is a punishment for the unhorsing of Cleveland.

The situation is undoubtedly one with its lesson of warning. Delaware, democratic times out of mind, even in the midst of Cleveland's term, went republican; New York, Connecticut and New Jersey have broken away; West Virginia has been switched off, and the present situation in Kentucky is sad enough. All these States were reliably democratic until they fell under the blight of Cleveland'sm.

When the democratic national convention of 1868 met in New York, it took up the duty of reasserting home rule and resisting military encroachment. The true work of a party is to be judged by what it forces the opposition to do, as well as by its own official accomplishments. The power of the democracy restored the Southern States to their rightful places in the union, and restored the normal condition of things, which militarism would have wrested to its own account. Then taking up the cause of the people it removed sectionalism and won the confidence of the people in almost every State in the union. Under the assertion of basic democratic principles it won in Ohio, captured Michigan, held Indiana firmly and was re enforced by the votes of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Even the far-off northeastern State of Maine was brought within democratic lines by the election of Dr. Garcelon as governor. This was the militantly triumphant position of the party when it took up Grover Cleveland and made him president the second time. Instead of observing party traditions, and carrying out the will of the people he drew his whole inspiration from the very men who were in the heart of the opposition. Anti-democratic States found representation in his cabinet; lifelong republicans and seekers for the republican presidential nomination became members of that body, and republican questions were forced to the front to be accepted by an unwilling democracy. The party of bimetallism and currency expansion was laid in abasement at the feet of the gold standard and contraction. John Sherman rather than Charles F. Crisp was the welcome visitor at the white house.

The result was what might have been anticipated. A certain proportion of democrats, placing patronage above party fealty, stood by Cleveland and became the sappers and miners of the republican party. Illinois, on the high road to democracy, was slapped in the face by the official preferment of Gresham; Delaware, always democratic, was driven in disgust into republicanism, and Mr. Bayard removed his residence and died in Massachusetts; New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were alienated; Kentucky, scuttled by Carlisle, who sought refuge in New York, is struggling out of her dilemma, and Indiana, the State of Hendricks, sold out by Clevelandism, now sees the price paid in a $7,500 office given to Bynum.

The people, betrayed in high places, had to begin again from the bottom. They had to remove committeemen and office-loving democrats, as well as republican office holders elected by the aid of Mr. Cleveland and his friends. This work is slow and tedious, because the enemy has been intrenched, and is unscrupulous enough to hold on at any price. Whenever the critics of democracy refer to the condition of the party, let them not forget that it was Cleveland who introduced discord, wrecked the party and betrayed the common people who had voted for him. The crime of Cleveland can never be forgotten, and for all time to come he will be remembered as the great American party wrecker.

It was, perhaps, fortunate after all, that things have turned out as they have. The party was weighted down by a lot of barnacles who had to be removed before it could enter upon the full mission ahead of it. That mission still remains. The party now has no boss. The supremacy which exists anywhere in leadership belongs to the man who, interpreting correctly the popular wish, becomes its mouthpiece. Hence we see a great opportunity ahead for the future when the party of the people can lock horns with the party of special interests.

News of Interest.

Lieutenant T. M. Brumby, the flag secretary to Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila, is lying critically ill at the Garfield hospital in Washington City.

The joint Democratic Legislative caucus of Virginia nominated Hon. Thomas S. Martin to succeed himself as United States Senator. The vote stood: Martin, 103. Gov. Tyler, 27.

But a few days ago it was reported that the Philippino insurgents had been about subdued. Now comes the following from Manila with date of Thursday night:

"The expectation of catching Aguinaldo in the north has been practically abandoned, and the probability now is that he will turn southward, if he is not already there, with his destination Cavite Province, his home, where the insurrection began and where it has the greatest strength. The Filipino soldiers in that province have recently been showing increased enthusiasm and boldness, and captured insurgents say that Aguinaldo is coming to join them with a large army. There are 3,000 insurgents before Imus and Bacoor, keeping the Americans sleeping on their arms and nightly awaiting attack. The Filipinos have several cannon."

There has also been a rising in the Island of Negros, recently reported, and an American officer killed.

Fifty Thousand at Least.

The Wilmington Messenger says editorially:

If possible the proposed $20,000 appropriation for the Cape Fear above this city should be increased as that sum would be insufficient to accomplish the purpose indicated. It might be enough for a year, but the necessary sum might be hereafter withheld. It will be better to begin with $50,000, and take chances of securing more as the work progresses and the actual need appears. It will take no little money to carry out all the improvements from here to Fayetteville that are needed.

In this same connection the annual report upon the improvements of certain rivers and harbors in North Carolina, issued by the United States chief of engineers for 1899, says concerning the improvement of the Cape Fear above Wilmington:

"Little work was done during the year because of the small balance available, and many obstructions accumulated in the channel. After the appropriation of March 3, 1899, became available, the snag boat was put in condition for work, and started snagging on this stream in June, 1899. Work is in progress at close of fiscal year. To end of year 150 miles were run over and 135 snags, 18 stumps, 31 trees and 6 logs were removed."

To Ask for Extra Pay.

Lieut. S. E. Smith. of Co. H, (Asheville) Second Regiment, was here Tuesday for the purpose of getting the members of Companies A and F, Second regiment to sign a petition to the United States War Department, asking for an extra month's pay, which most of the regiments received on being mustered out. Thirty or forty signed it while a few refused to do so. A month's pay for a private was $15.60, of this amount the soldier will get half and the promoters half, we understand.

Suit Against the Southern.

Yesterday morning notice of suit was filed in behalf of Mr. C. George, the candy manufacturer, of this city, against the Southern R. R. for $200 for failure to deliver goods he had shipped to him while residing at Newbern.

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Raeford's Review Reports.

Correspondence of the Observer.)

RAEFORD, N. C., Dec. 11, 1899.

The Hon. J. W. McLauchlin and his sister, Mrs. Lamont with her family have moved to Raeford, from the country.

Miss Mallie Lamont, who has been teaching at Aberdeen, has resigned her position.

Miss Fanny Dickson and her brother, Rufus, spent Saturday and Sunday, with relatives at Red Springs.

Miss Flora Lamont has returned from a visit to South Carolina.

J. F. McPhail is erecting a large dwelling here.

J. W. McLauchlin, John Blue, J. B. Upchurch, Neill S. Blue, Thomas Upchurch, John Britton, J. W. Johnson and Moses McDonald, of Moore county, are interesting themselves in the establishing of a cotton mill, on Rockfish creek, near hear—a survey has been made and the water power of the Rockfish has been investigated. There are plenty of good sites, and the water power is more than sufficient to operate a mill like the one under consideration. The capital will be local for the most part and there is enough in sight to establish the plant, if the plans under consideration are carried out, by the prime movers mentioned above.

An outhouse belonging to Marcus Dew was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The house was situated near the main dwelling and was used as a kitchen. The fire was discovered by Rufus Dickson, who was passing. He gave the alarm at Raeford Institute and the boys of the school were soon at the scene of the fire. Some of the citizens of the town quickly followed them. By hard work the dwelling was saved, but the kitchen and its contents were a total loss. Mr. Dew and his wife were away from home at the time. The origin of the fire is unknown. There was no insurance.

RENRAV.

Manchester Items.

Manchester, N. C. Dec. 12, 1899.

Its Christmas times, therefore we make bold, Mr. Editor, to crave plenary indulgence in order to settle matters a little, and we promise to add a few news items as an excuse for the publication of the whole.

If the Raeford recorder can really be reached in his lofty chariot, rolling so rapidly through reannimated space, we would like to remind him that he has not rightfully rendered unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, in that he has mistaken this correspondent for Manchester's regular representative. *Non Monsieur*, there is here *un "Bon Ami,"* whose cullings have appeared in the Observer for many years; and it is not charisteric of the Scotch to wish to reap the honors of the French or any other people, as, according to Ian Mac Laren, their national prayer has been answered long ago and they have "a proper conceit o' themsels." An apology to some one is in order, *n'est ce pas?*

The shooting star party at Manchester regret exceedingly that they were denied the sight of the very peculiar meteor which rolled into view at Raeford. We presume that is the correct phraseology, as we were told very emphatically that everything rolls, or is rolled at Raeford, even the r's, and that in the most approved Parisian style. But to return to the meteoric phenomenon, of which we would fain learn more, the fact that its beauty and magic recalled Circe and Helen of Troy would cause it to be only a remembrance of things that have been; but the resemblance of its music(?) to "Merlin's famous chants" would indicate a prophecy and therefore a promise for the future. Then, in order to ascertain the character of this prophetic visitor, we would respectfully request Renrav to inform us to which of the Merlins he referred—the Caledonian, the one borrowed by the French, or the Idyllic Merlin of Table Round?

Now to the promised news, some of which is not quite fresh, but could not be sent in sooner.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 30th, Thanksgiving, Rev. and Mrs. David Fairley entertained at tea Misses Kate Underwood, Eliza and Fan Williams and Eloise McGill, and Messrs. Louis B. Hale, John F. Hickson and A. J. Cook.

Miss Lutie Murchison returned last week from Wilmington, where she has been visiting.

Miss Kate Monroe, who is teaching near Hope Mills, made a short visit home last week.

Mr. A. D. McGill was a recent visitor here.

A displacement of some part of the machinery in the factory stopped its running for several hours last week.

Mrs. Neill Black, who has been quite sick for several weeks is now convalescent.

The stores here, Mr. Clark's and Mr. Waddell's, are showing attractive lines of Christmas goods.

Miss Bella McDiarmid, of Hope Mills, is visiting relatives here.

Your correspondent's school will close next week. SCOTCH LASSIE.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1899.

Mr. McKinley's hired men, otherwise known as the republican majority of the House, are obeying orders like trained animals. They began today the actual work of railroading through the House, in a single week, the gold standard bill that Mr. McKinley had prepared last summer. The vote is to be taken a week from today, and, of course, the bill will be passed, as it will be sure to get all the republican votes, and it is being claimed that eight democrats from New York, and possibly others from the Eastern states will also vote for it. The republicans are so fond of wearing their gags that they have offered to give some of the time alloted to them for debate on the bill to the democrats.

The Navy Department has got Schley well out of the way, but his friends in Congress are on the alert in his behalf, as was seen when a proposition, which originated with Mr. McKinley was submitted to them. The proposition was that Congress pass a bill reviving the grade of Vice-Admiral in the Navy, and that Mr. McKinley would at once nominate both Schley and Sampson to that grade. This sounded well, but Schley's friends have so far declined to accept it, unless Mr. McKinley would promise that Schley's nomination should be made first, so that he would continue to rank Sampson. Representative Berry, of Kentucky, who is one of Schley's strongest friends, says he intends to push his resolution offering the thanks of Congress to Schley and the men under him for destroying Cervera's fleet, but if an agreement is reached about the Vice Admiral business, that will probably end the whole matter.

Representative Lentz, of Ohio, has offered a resolution asking for an investigation, by a special committee of the House, of the charges growing out of the interference of United States troops in mining troubles in Idaho, in defiance of and contrary to the Federal constitution, at the individual request of the Governor, when no riot or insurrection existed, and without consulting the legislature or the local sheriffs.

If present indications may be depended upon, the position of those democrats who voted against the dangerous method of refusing to allow a man with proper credentials, to be sworn in as a member of the House, is likely to be vindicated by the final disposition of the Roberts case. Members of the Roberts committee may, of course, change their minds before their report is made to the House, but it looks now as though their report would recommend that Roberts be sworn in and then be expelled, because of his being a polygamist. Members are beginning to realize that the precedent of not allowing a man with regular credentials to be sworn in, is too dangerous a one to be set up. If one man can properly be denied, one hundred might be treated in the same way by an unscrupulous majority. It isn't the Roberts case, but the principle at stake that makes the action of the House important.

That Mr. Quay isn't as certain of getting that seat in the Senate, as his friends would like everybody to believe is shown by the presence in Washington, working in Quay's interest, of ex-Senator Don Cameron. Mr. Quay will also be in Washington this week. An adverse report is expected from the Committee on Elections, which is one of the few committees not included in the Republican grab of increasing their representation, but the real fight will be on the floor of the Senate. The chances still seem to favor Quay, although several of the Senators who had been counted upon as certain to vote to seat him, are said to be in doubt as to how they would vote. It is on the personal friendship of those Senators that Cameron and Quay are now working.

Senator Mason's speech in favor of his resolution of sympathy for the Transvaal Republic, now engaged in a war for liberty with Great Britain, contains some hard knocks for prominent republicans, including the President. Mason may not rank high as a statesman, but his tongue has a sting on the end of it when he wishes it to have, quite as nagging if not so polished, as that wielded by Ingalls, and other sting-slingers who have been in the Senate.

Boss Hanna appears to have emerged from his wrestle with the rheumatism and his check book, which is credited with such a prominent part in the Ohio campaign, as cross as a crippled bear. He was hobbling out of the White House, where he had been holding a conference with Mr. McKinley and Mr. Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, who has been mentioned, as Hanna's successor at the head of the Republican National Committee, when he was asked if it were true that he intended to retire from the Chairmanship of the Committee. He glared angrily at the newspaper man who asked the question, before answering and then snapped out as he turned away: "No one is authorized to say what I will do."

An Insane Policeman.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 11.—In a sudden fit of insanity Policeman Hickery shot himself and jumped from a third story window. The fall was broken and he leaped again. He will hardly recover. He had a fear of insanity.

Wreck on the Pennsylvania.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 12.—A rear car of a westbound freight on the Pennsylvania Rail Road jumped the track near Monmouth Junction and blocked the eastbound track. The eastbound freight crashed into the wreck. The engine was badly wrecked and cars piled on top of each other. Engineer Steigler and fireman Henicker were killed. The road was blocked several hours.

A third freight ran into the wreck and was smashed up, and brakeman Zogbaum was mortally injured.

The Pope Grants Privileges.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Mons Martinelli has received from the Pope, a document granting unusual privileges to the Catholics of the world in connection with celebrating the year nineteen hundred. It allows the churches and chapels to expose holy sacrament for adoration at midnight at December thirty first.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrah that contain Mercury,

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A Roster of Confederate Dead

It is desired by the ladies of the Monument Association, to place a roster of the Confederate dead, of Cumberland county, in the corner stone of the monument. Surviving relatives or comrades will confer a favor, by sending the name, rank and regiment of any soldier or sailor from Cumberland, who lost his life in the cause to Box 199, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fayetteville Will Play Wilmington Christmas

Manager Lambeth informs us that arrangements have been made with Wilmington O. A. N.'s for a game of football in that city on Christmas day. In all probability a special train will run from here to carry the team and those who wish to see the game. Both teams will be made up of the best players in the State, and a battle royal is expected.

The Methodist Conference.

Wilmington and New Bern were put in nomination for the meeting next year and New Bern was chosen.

The conference agreed to take $2,000 stock in The Raleigh Christian Advocate. A stirring address for support of the paper by preachers and laymen was made by Dr. T. N. Ivey.

Bishop Hendrick made a strong appeal for the Twentieth century fund and $3,300 was raised immediately. Much more will be raised.

A Rumored Change at Hope Mills.

It is rumored at Hope Mills that Mr. J. Sheldon Davis, the superintendent of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company, will shortly resign and that Mr. F. H. Cotton, son of Mr. S. H. Cotton, the former superintendent, will be appointed his successor. The management of three great cotton mills, Hope Mills No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, the latter the old Bluff Mills, is indeed a great honor as well as responsibility for one so young as Mr. Cotton.

Negro Killed at Falcon.

A negro tenant on Mr. David Godwin's place at Falcon, Black River township, heard a suspicious noise in his kitchen Sunday night and, calling to his wife to hand him his pistol, he went in search of the intruder. He saw that the kitchen door was open and fired into the room at random. The result was a dead negro. Who the man was or what was his purpose in the house is not known, neither have we been able to obtain the name of the negro tenant. The man, however, gave himself up to the local deputy sheriff and the coroner was sent for.

Conference Appointments---Rev. W. L. Cuninggim Remains With Us.

Bishop Hendrix Monday made the following assignments for the Fayetteville District:

E. R. Hall, Presiding Elder.
Fayetteville and Hay Street Station, W. L. Cuninggim.
Campbellton and Rose Chapel, P. D. Woodall.
Cumberland Circuit, W. H. Townsend.
Cokesbury, G. O. Green.
Sampson Circuit, J. C. Crisp.
Lillington, D. A. Watkins.
Buckhorn, H. G. Stamey.
Dunn, W. A. Forbes.
Newton Grove, J. C. Humble.
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Deep River, J. H. Frizzelle.
Siler City, W. F. Craven.
Carthage, L. E. Thompson.
Jonesboro, D. L. Earnhardt.

Our countryman, Rev. B. R. Hall, succeeds Rev. F. A. Bishop as Presiding Elder, the latter going to the Washington District.

Next Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention will meet in Raleigh Wednesday, April 11, 1900.

The date and place for holding the convention was selected last night at a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee in Raleigh.

Greensboro gave Raleigh a close race for the convention, a number of prominent Democrats urging the selection of the former place. By a vote of 25 to 17 the committee decided to meet in Raleigh.

Those voting for Raleigh were: Messrs. Abernethy, Winbourne, Narron, Stubbs, Mason, T. W., O'Berry, McLean, Beddingfield, Spruill, Grainger, Neal, Means, Connor, Womack, Moore, Pou, Davidson, Cotton, Smith, Woodard, Warburton and Foy.

Those voting for Greensboro were: Messrs. Winston, Pearsall, Murchison, Manning, Reid, Patterson, Williams, Mason, O. F. McLelland, Travis, Gilmer, Justice, Weddington, Hale, Webster, Lamb and Cunningham.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits.
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The Sweeping School Law Decision---The Old Boards Reorganized.

It will be remembered that recently the Supreme Court decided that the new School law, (1899) under which the present school directors were chosen is unconstitutional. Attorney General Walzer, in accordance with a request from Superintendent Mebane, has given an opinion as to the effect of the decision, which is that the State Superintendant must recognize the Fusion county boards in all cases, whether they have given up their office or not.

He says: "It now becomes your duty, under the decisions of the Supreme Court in the school cases, to give effect only to Section 6, Chapter 108, Acts of 1897, and to recognize the officers therein named and those elected by them, but in other respects to go forward with the great school work under the act of 1899. The old boards were very properly advised by you to retire and in the main did so. In the light of the decisions herein referred to I have no doubt that the new boards will likewise take your advice."

The Fusion boards had given up before the Supreme Court rendered its decision in all but about ten counties, and has been succeeded by boards elected under the new law. Now those new boards, if Walzer's opinion is law, must get out and let the old Fusion boards come back.

The Fusionists in Cumberland have made no move yet to take advantage of this decision and will probably not do so, as they would have only until July to serve.

Walzer's Opinion Explained---Present School Superintendents and Committees are Legal.

The present county school superintendents and the various trustees and committees appointed by the Boards of Education, will remain in office. The decision of the Supreme Court applies only to the Boards of Education, says Attorney General Walser. In accordance with this decision the old Fusion board, which is composed of J. C. Bain, J. F. McCorquodale and P. N. Melchor, will meet one day this week and decide upon their course of action.

In light of this new construction of the law by the Attorney General, this Fusion board will have no power to disturb the present system and their powers being thus circumscribed they will hardly desire an empty honor.

Mr. Walser holds that in all counties where the old boards retired without contest and the new boards elected county superintendents that the latter are the legal officials. It follows from this that all certificates issued by the new superintendants are valid and also, apparently, that the township committees appointed by the new boards are entitled to act and that all contracts they may have made with teachers or others are legal and binding. Under this construction while the old boards are held to have been the de jure boards the new boards under the uniform decisions in this State were capable as de facto officials of making valid contracts, appointments, etc.

This additional opinion would seem to settle the extent of the effect of the court's decision. All county superintendents where two boards were not claiming to act at the same time are the legal officials. The new township committees can not be turned out. Certificates of teachers are valid. In short the effect of the decision does not carry beyond the county boards.

LATER.

Since the above was written, the old board met in the county court house Tuesday afternoon, Chairman J. C. Bain presiding and J. T. McCorquodale and P. N. Melchor present. Mr. Averett, the former Fusionist superintendent, was present to act as secretary, but the board refused to recognize him in an official capacity until they had received instructions from the State Superintendent of Education, though they instructed him to make a record of the proceedings. The board had previously served notice on Mr. Newton, the present county superintendent, to be present, but he did not appear.

Mr. Jas. H. Johnson appeared before the board as attorney for Mr. H. S. Averett and demanded that his client be recognized as county superintendent of schools. Mr. Bain, speaking for the board, said that he would not recognize any one as county superintendent until he had instructions from Mr. Mebane, for which he had telegraphed, and that meantime the board would adjourn for dinner. The board officially expressed its desire to retain Mr. Averett, if it had the power to do so.

We have it on good authority that the present board, appointed by the Legislature of 1899, will still continue in the possession of their office and will not recognize the old board in any manner.

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Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

Death of Mrs. A. M. Campbell.

The sudden death of Mrs. A. M. Campbell, Saturday afternoon at six o'clock, while seated in a chair and in apparently her usual good health, was a great shock to her family and caused great sorrow in this community. Though seventy-eight years old, Mrs. Campbell has been enjoying excellent health, and her death, from paralysis of the heart, came without warning.

In June, 1896, her husband, the late Archibald M. Campbell, after a life of great usefulness and at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, preceded her across the river to eternal life. May their sweet spirits be in communion at this moment.

The funeral took place Monday at eleven o'clock, the rector, Rev. I. W. Hughes, officiating in the presence of a number of friends.

The pall-bearers were:

Mr. J. J. Crosswell, Mr. H. J. Marsh, Mr. John Underwood, Mr. Robert Strange, Major E. J. Hale, Major Chas. Haigh, Mr. I. B. Hawley, Major B. R. Huske.

Four sons and four daughter survive the deceased: Major W. F., and Messrs. Charles, Alexander and Archie, and Misses Alice, Ella, Fannie and Mrs. Richard Daingerfield (Sarah).

Marriage Licenses.

The Register of Deeds has granted 9 marriage licences so far this month, 3 to white and 6 to colored couples. The whites were: Mr. Henry Bledsoe, age 19, and Miss Mamie Smith, age 18, of Gray's Creek, Mr. Jas. Bullock, 29, and Miss Lida McDougald, 19, of 71st; Mr. Loney Horne, age 21, and Miss Della L. Melvin, 18, of Beaver Dam.

Death of Miss Mamie Morrow.

Mary Banister, daughter of Fannie and William Henry Morrow, M. D., died at her home on Haymount yesterday at 8:30 o'clock, after a number of months of great suffering borne with sweet patience.

Her lovely character is best known by her many friends and pupils everywhere.

For the last five years she has taught in the High School of Asheville. Before this she assisted her mother in her own private schools here and at Statesville, N. C.

Her life has been singularly pure, true and unselfish.

Death of Rev. T. B. Newberry.

Rev. Thomas B. Newberry died at 9 o'clock Tuesday night, in the 62nd year of his age. The deceased had been in wretched health for several years past and for the past year he has realized that his end was near.

The funeral will take place from the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Newberry was born in Fayetteville, his father being the late W. H. Newberry, a wood worker in McKethan's carriage works. For nineteen years past he has been a minister of the Baptist Church. He was a Justice of the Peace for several years; was founder and editor and proprietor, up to five years ago, of the North Carolina Carolina Baptist, and has been successfully engaged in a number of business enterprises, at the time of his death being the proprietor of a large furniture establishment in this city. He leaves a wife and three sons, Messrs. Walter, Charles and Claud, to mourn their loss.

Mr. Newberry was a man of great energy, with a good store of knowledge, to which much of his success may be attributed.

A Welcome Visitor.

The OBSERVER was glad to greet Mr. Howard J. Herrick, of Richmond, Virginia, who is spending the day in Fayetteville looking after the interests of Bradstreet's Commercial Agency, of which he is the general agent for the district of Richmond. Mr. Herrick is an able and cultivated gentleman, who made his mark as editor of the Wilson Mirror, which he purchased from Mr. Henry Blount about 1894.

News of Interest

William S. Taylor was inaugurated as Governor at noon Tuesday in Frankfort, Kentucky. The crowd was much smaller than in past years, due to the weather which, up till last night, was rainy, followed today by a December blizzard.

The English War Office this morning (Wednesday) publishes the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Dispatch from General White, dated December 11th, says:

"'Last night Colonel Metcalf and 500 of the Second rifle brigade sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the crest without being discovered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer with guncotton.

"'When returning Metcalf found his retirement barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were the following:

"'Lieutenant Fergessen and eleven men killed, three officers and forty men wounded; six men captured.'"

Gen. Gatacre reports to the English war office Tuesday night as follows:

"The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was under estimated by myself and local guides. A policeman took us around some miles; consequently we were marching from 9:30 p. m. to 4 a. m., and were landed in an impossible position. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscalable hill and wounded a good many of our men while in the open plain. The Second Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy but failed. I regret to say that one of the guns overturned in a deep mullah and another sank in quicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available. I am holding Bushman's Hook and Cypher-gate. The missing Northumberlands number 366, and not 300, as previously reported."

Mr. Jno. Seibles, of Columbia, S. C., representing the Pacific Fire Company of N. Y., was here yesterday to adjust the loss his company sustained in the Hickson fire. Mr. Jno. Underwood is local agent here for this company.

METHUEN SUFFERS A GREAT DEFEAT.

British Soldiers Melt Away Under Boer Hail of Lead.

He Reports that Loss is Great, including a Major-General.

Roberts' Demurrer Overruled---Buller Has Begun to Advance---Aguinaldo's Body Guard Destroyed and Insurgent Chief Reported a Fugitive.

Bank Robbers.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New Haven, Dec. 13.—Four burglars attempted to rob the Deep river Savings Bank this morning. Watchman Tyler shot one dead. Three fled, one, it is believed, is wounded. All men in the town are pursuing.

Aguinaldo's Body Guard Destroyed.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, Dec. 13th.—Major March, of the Thirty-third Volunteers, reports to Gen. Young that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's body guard in action. That Gen. Gregorio del Pilar was killed and Gen. Concepcion captured. Major March liberated 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 Friars. American loss was two killed and nine wounded.

Lepanto Province is clear of rebels and Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, without a command.

In Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 13.—After a short secret session of the House committee, the doors were opened and Roberts informed that his demurrer to the jurisdiction of the committee was overruled. The examination of witnesses by Schroeder, of Utah, then began. C. M. Owen swore to the polygamous wives of Roberts.

In the House the debate on the currency bill was continued.

The Boers Gain a Great Victory---British Melt Away Before a Deadly Hail of Lead.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 13.—Two days of the fiercest fighting during Methuen's advance ended by the Boers checking the British advance just beyond the Modder river. The rifle fire was hot and the British melted away before the deathly hail. The loss of the British is cabled as very heavy, probably the heaviest Methuen has so far suffered. The contest began Sunday morning when the British artillery, aided by the naval guns furiously cannonaded the Boer position at Magersfontein Kopje. It lasted all day. The Boers replied with spirit. Monday the battle was promptly resumed. The Boers however slackened fire during the morning, and at noon Methuen ordered a charge up the hill. The men rushed up under cover of the artillery. The Boers were not driven from their position and clung to their trenches doggedly. As the British swung up the hill the protecting fire ceased and then the Boers opened such a deadly rifle fire that the men could not stand it. The unseen foe fired from the trenches on the front and both flanks. The lines wavered, but spurred by the officers dashed forward and again halted. The trenches poured forth an incessant hail of lead. This time the advance was checked for good. The troops broke and fled, leaving the Boers masters of the field.

METHUEN ANNOUNCES HIS DEFEAT—"OUR LOSSES GREAT."

The following is Methuen's official bulletin received at the war office today: "After a shell fire Sunday the Highland Brigade Monday attacked the Boers on Long High Kopje, a very strong position. The attack failed. Our artillery shelled the position all the afternoon. My troops held their own in front of the enemy until dark, our position extending six miles. I am today holding that position and entrenching myself. The Boers number twelve thousand. Our losses are great."

Gen. Methuen announces that Major General Wanhope was among those killed in the recent fighting near Modder River.

CAPE TOWN STUDENTS ARRESTED.

Cape Town, December 13.—Sixteen colonial students were arrested on the steamship Algo bound for Delagoa Bay. Thirteen were released on parole. The other three are detained.

BULLER'S ADVANCE BEGUN.

A dispatch from Frere camp, dated 12th, says that "this morning union Brigade of English, Scotish, Irish and Welch fusileers and several naval guns advanced and took a strong position three miles from Colenso with no opposition. Gen. Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems actually begun.

The Molineux Trial.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 13.—In the Molineux trial expert Kinsley continued his testimony and makes a good impression.

The Improvement of the Upper Cape Fear.

A number of State papers are lending encouragment to the movement for the improvement of the Cape Fear from Wilmington to Fayetteville. The Wilmington Messenger of recent date says:

It is a good movement on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of our enterprising neighbor up the Cape Fear, Fayetteville, to try to obtain an increased appropriation from the congress to deepen and improve the river which so much needs it. Fayetteville from 1825 to 1850, did a large trade with Western Carolina and had a plank road leading up into Randolph and possibly beyond. It is a progressive town and its population increases.

Wilmington is interested in this movement, because much trade comes to it upon the Cape Fear, It will help Fayetteville and will help Wilmington. While it is not good democracy (of the old school) to make Congressional appropriations for state enterprises (where the government is not specially interested in the matter of war and commerce) it is proper to give the Cape Fear needed help while northern members are so diligently and liberally appropriating the people's money to scores of river improvements in the north. We believe therefore that the North Carolina delegation in the Congress will not allow the Cape Fear overlooked in the free distribution of favors.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits.
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Middling	7½
Fair Middling	7 40
Good Middling	7¾

NAVAL STORES

Spirits	45½
Common Rosin	80
Virgin	2 20
Yellow Dip	2 20
Hard	1 20

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Flour—1st pat., sack,	$2.40@$2.65
Family Flour—2nd pat., sack	$2.00 @ 2.20
Hides—dry—per lb.	8@10
" —green—per lb.	5
Wool—washed	15@20
Bacon—hog round per lb	10
" —ham	11½a13
" —sides	8½@9
" —shoulders	8
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	45
Peas—clay	60
" —mixed	50
" —white,	55@60
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	52½@55
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@55
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	90
Lard—N. C.	8@9
Tallow	4
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22½@25
Roosters—per head	18 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	7½
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Butter—choice yellow	20 a 25
Honey—strained—per lb	8c
Eggs,	16
Feathers—new	35 a 40
Potatoes—Irish—new	80a100
Potatoes—Sweet—new	35a40
Pork	5@6

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REPORT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE CONDITION OF THE

BANK OF FAYETTEVILLE,

At Fayetteville, N. C., in the County of Cumberland, at the close of business on the 2nd day of December, 1899.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts,	$247,236 38
Overdrafts,	930 22
U. S. Bonds on hand (par value),	10,000 00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages,	18,627 16
Premium on Bonds,	1,587 50
Banking House,	6,000 00
Furniture and fixtures,	3,050 00
All other real estate owned,	11,143 47
Due from Banks & Bankers	91,531 29
Cash items,	1 233 01
Gold Coin,	6,747 50
Silver Coin,	3,046 92
Nat. Bank Notes, and other U. S. Notes,	16,117 00
Total,	$417,252 45

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in,	$ 184,800 00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid,	17 419 49
Deposits subject to check,	201,229 78
Due to Banks and Bankers,	1,915 50
Cashier's Checks outstanding,	11,796 68
Total,	$417,252 45

I, John C. Haigh, Cashier of the Bank of Fayetteville, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOHN C. HAIGH, Cashier.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } ss.
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of December, 1899.
HENRY J. MARSH, Notary Public.

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All holiday goods will be displayed and ready for your inspection by the 10th of December. From then until midnight of the 23rd of December this store will have a holiday attire and will be full of Christmas goods to suit all sizes, ages and conditions of people. Toys, Dolls, Horns, Drums, Guns, Doll Trunks, Doll Go-Carts, Boys' Wagons, Car's and Rocking Horses, Balls, Tops, Trains, War Ships, Banks, Tool Chests with Tools, Games, Books, Toilet Cases, Fancy Chins and Glassware, Opal Ware, Vases, Rose Bowls, Water Sets, Christmas Cards, Handkerchiefs for everybody, Mufflers, House Slippers, Rugs, Gloves, Purses, Belts, Combs and hundreds of things that we haven't room to mention. You can find hundreds of articles that will make splendid presents *on our* 5, 10 *and* 25 *cent counters*.

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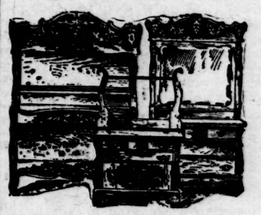

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Shortly before 9 o'clock Wednesday night, revenue collector W. J. Sutton and his son and deputy D. B. Sutton, arrived in the city with a fine government still they had seized from a white man named Cain, just across the Cumberland line at Gray's Creek, in Bladen.

Driving into Mr. Ransom Burns's stable yard, they turned their team over to the hostler and depositing the still, worm and cap in the stable office temporarily, the Messrs. Sutton and one of the Cain boys, who had accompanied them, went up town to sup at a restaurant. It was but a few minutes later that two white men, one a tall, dark complected fellow with a slight moustache, the other short and stout, entered the office and sat down by the stove, speaking pleasantly to Alfred Thompson and Fred Dunn, two of Mr. Burns' colored employes, who happened to be in there. The tall one, who seemed to be the spokesman, pulled out a handful of money and asked Thompson if he could not procure him some whiskey, as they had ridden far and were about frozen. Thompson replied that he could not, as this was a dispensary town. He then asked if W. J. Sutton had been there, if so, where was he. He was told that Mr. Sutton had just left, and was, probably, at a restaurant. Thereupon the men arose, and, in a twinkling, the negroes were transfixed, one gazing into the barrel of a winchester and the other at the long black barrel of an army pistol. The tall man told them if they valued their lives to keep quiet, and, while the stout one kept them covered, he backed out of the door with the still, and shortly returning, stood guard while his companion made his exit in the same manner with the worm. The leader then backed himself out again, and told the negroes to shut the door and keep quiet in there, or they would blow up the building. Shortly afterwards they heard a wagon being driven off at a great speed, but, as Thompson expressed it, "not a word was spoken by neither of us, for I don't know how long. We just sat there looking at one another and at the still cap left behind, was afeared they would recommend the cap and came back after it."

When they finally gave the alarm the desperadoes were miles away. It was one of the boldest acts in the annals of the history of the internal revenue service.

There is little doubt as to the identity of the parties, and they will probably be apprehended.

Important Action of Chamber of Commerce.

By instructions of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the following letter was addressed to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in regard to the improvement of the upper waters of the Cape Fear, between Wilmington and Fayetteville:

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 1st, 1899.

To Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C.:

Dear Sir:—Believing that the best interests of Wilmington and Fayetteville are alike concerned in the improvement of the navigation of the Cape Fear river up to this point—which is the head of its navigable waters—the Chamber of Commerce of this city has instructed me to communicate with your honorable body with a view to enlist your co-operation with our Chamber and people in pressing upon Congress the great importance of this work.

As a people, we always have been glad of every appropriation made by the government to be expended in improving the mouth of the Cape Fear, and thus giving a greater importance to our principal North Carolina seaport. But we feel, that while too much cannot be expended at that end of the line for this purpose, that the upper Cape Fear section should not be neglected. Indeed, we feel that it would be only a short sighted policy on the part of the government, if it were to ignore the upper waters of this splendid river which is now under its especial care.

As your Chamber is ever on the alert to appreciate whatever promises to be for the best interest of your progressive city, I feel that it is unnecessary to enlarge on the advantages that would be realized by your people from the improving of this water-way to your gates. We, therefore, invite you to join us in an earnest effort to press this subject upon the Government. To this end our Chamber will be glad of any suggestions, as to the best way to proceed, so as to secure prompt and certain action by Congress. Awaiting your favorable reply, I am,

Yours with kind regard,
F. R. Rose.

This matter was promptly taken up by the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington in a special meeting called to consider it.

In a letter from the President of that body, Wm. E. Worth, Esq., to Mr. F. R. Rose, he stated that Wilmington appreciated the vital importance of this matter and that they would gladly co-operate to its full accomplishment. He also suggested that our chamber join them in recommending the Hon. John H. Small to the Speaker of the House of Representatives as a member of the committee on Rivers and Harbors. Mr. Small is from the 1st district and represents about 3,000 square miles of navigable inland water, and over 20 rivers and 300 miles of seacoast.

The Directors of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce promptly passed the resolution as suggested and telegraphed the Speaker of the House the same afternoon.

The following telegram was received in reply:

Speaker's Room,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 6. 1899.

Mr. F. R. Rose, Secretary, Fayetteville, N. C.:

Dear Sir:—Your telegram received and will be carefully considered.

Very respectfully,
D. B. Henderson,

Now that Fayetteville and Wilmington are acting together on this vital and most important matter, the prospect is bright for its speedy success.

OUR PRESIDENTIAL PECKSNIFF.

A correspondent of the Kinston Free Press thus hits off the President and his message:

I have carefully, conscientiously and laboriously read the platitudes issued by President McKinley as his "message" and while cogitating over its different phases, the picture of him, as I last saw him, got mixed with my thoughts, and the composite impression reminded me that somewhere or somehow Charles Dickens has drawn his exact physical and mental photograph in these words:

"Mr. Pecksniff was a moral man. Perhaps there never was a more moral man than Mr. Pecksniff; especially in his conversation and correspondence. It was once said that he had a purse of good sentiments in his insides. If actual diamonds did not fall from his lips they were the very brightest paste. He was a most exemplary man; fuller of virtuous percept than a copy-book. Some people likened him to a sign-post, always pointing out the way but never going there. His very throat was moral. You saw a good deal of it over a fence of white cravat. It seemed to say, 'There is no deception, ladies and gentlemen, all is peace, a holy calm pervades me.' So did his hair, just grizzled with an iron-grey, which was brushed off his forehead and slightly drooped in kindred action with his eye-lids. So did his manner which was soft and oily. In a word, all tended to the same purpose and cried aloud: 'Behold the moral Pecksniff.'"

The whole message says "Behold how good is McKinley and the Republican party."

In speaking of the necessity of maintaining the parity of gold and silver he declares it necessary to destroy silver to do it and that the prosperity now with us, as the result of Republican success, makes gold seek the treasury in exchange for paper, notwithstanding the fact that the enormous increase in gold production, exceeding the hopes of any party two years ago, is solely responsible for that fact.

There is also a repetition of his plea for redemption of gold certificates in gold, not to be paid out again except for gold. And still he insists on preserving the parity of the two metals in the same breath! Admirable hypocrite!

The Hanna-Payne ship subsidy bill is also piously recommended for the relief of his needy friend Mark. It would be cheaper for congress to pay off the $118,000 mortgage on Bill and destroy it than for Mark to benevolently assimilate about $20,000,000. And yet Brutus is an honorable man!

The deliverance on trusts is very, very moral and must have occasioned a severe jolt to Mark's public speaking department. Listen to it. "Combination of capital organized into trusts to control the conditions of trade among our citizens, to stifle competition, limit production, and determine the price of products used and consumed by the people are justly provoking public discussion and should early claim the attention of congress." Then this conclusion: "WHATEVER POWER THE CONGRESS MAY POSSESS OVER THIS MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT SHOULD BE PROMPTLY ASCERTAINED AND ASSERTED." When Mark reads the conclusion he will recover his breath and smile, for he, as well as the rest of us, may be sure that congress will early "ascertain" that they have no power whatever over trusts, without a hint as to the enormous power that trusts have over a Republican congress. How moral and eminently respectable this sounds from the man who is the bond-slave of the impudent, confessed champion of trusts!

As regards pensions, we see that the hold up of the G. A. R. at its last encampment threw such a scare into McKinley and Commissioner Evans that they have unconditionally surrendered. The pension law now gives widows $96 00 a year. Our eminently respectable president is so deeply interested in their welfare and so observant of the political power of the combination that every year takes more dollars from the U. S. treasury than all Europe pays for similar purposes, that he advises congress to make it three times as large. Every slave in the U. S. in 1860 could have been bought twice over for less than we have paid in pensions. How nice it must be to have Comrade McKinley think so much of our veterans' death bed widows!

And our relations with other countries, how well we like each other! "Our relations with Germany continue to be most cordial." It would be most interesting to see Admiral Von Diederichs, Capt. Sir Edward Chichester and Admiral Dewey read that together. And Captain Coghlan away off yonder in northwestern Washington in exile because he was fool enough to tell the truth when the necessities of the administration demanded a lie!

On the subject of foreign relations we have a slight variation of Washington's farewell address: "We have remained faithful to the precept of no entangling alliances AS TO AFFAIRS NOT OF OUR DIRECT CONCERN." As there has been found one Republican fool to declare that McKinley was a "bigger man than old Grant" we shall probably hear of another who will contend that this is better than the old-fashioned utterance of Washington.

The market value of freedom is touched on in his account of the "agreement" with the Sultan of Sulu in which we seem to have gained nothing beyond a right to fly our flag, fight the quarrels of the sultan and obtain his consent before selling the islands. The United States pledges the payment of $760 per month as salary to the "sultan and his assistants," but does not state how much is to go to the keeper of the harem and his eunuchs, and provides that "any slave in the archipelago of Jolo shall have the right to purchase freedom by paying to the master the usual market value." Comrade McKinley, of the Grand Army of the Republic, that saved the Union from the curse of slavery, not by the constitution, but in accordance with "the law that is higher than the constitution," now finds a law, not by the constitution, but another law that is higher also than that antiquated document, that of Republican party expediency, by which to ratify this agreement in the name of the United States. But the unutterable, inimitable hypocrisy of this highly moral and eminently respectable "Pecksniff" closes the subject with the lame but necessary statement that "this agreement is not to be deemed in any way to authorize or give the consent of the United States to the existence of slavery in the Sulu Archipelago." Every word of it made and written and dictated by the United States government, signed by the president, yet the agreement does not "in any way recognize the existence of slavery!"

Altogether this message is a series of misleading platitudes, idiotic reasoning, and highly moral conclusions, but "'twill serve, 'twill serve."

A War Correspondent Here.

Mr. John S. Ernest, of New York, spent one day in the city this week. During the war with Spain, Mr. Ernest was correspondent for the New York Herald, with Shafter's army at Santiago and later was stationed at Havana. General Brook attempted to expel him from Cuba for severe criticism Ernest made on his administration, but failed to get consent from Washington. Mr. Earnest talked freely and interestingly of his experiences in Cuba.

Death of Mr. Lloyd Cromartie's Daughter.

It is again our sad duty to record a death in the family of one of Bladen's most esteemed families. On Tuesday night Bell, the youngest daughter of Lloyd and Eliza B. Cromartie, died in the 12th year of her age.

Registered Letter Carriers.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, December 7.—The postmaster general has issued an order providing for registered letter carriers. The new service will be started in some of the leading cities and extended.

Important Battles Pending.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 8.—Apparently three important battles are impending. Gen. Buller's advance beyond Frere it is now believed has begun. He will encounter the Boers strongly fortified on the road to Ladysmith. The front of Methuen's column is north of the Modder river and the Boers are also thoroughly strengthened in their position. General Gatacre in northern Cape Colony is apparently in danger of being beset by an overwhelming force. In each of these quarters a battle may occur at any time. London realizes this and all is in a quiver of anxiety and expectancy.

BOERS MEET BRITISH AT ALL POINTS.

The most striking thing in the military situation is the continued outspringing of Boer forces in whatever direction the British reconnoiter. The war office people confess that they are unable to estimate the total number of armed Boers and Africanders in the field or locate their positions aside from the main columns with any certainty.

AN ENORMOUS ARMY OF 105,000.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office said that when all the troops arrived in South Africa the total, including the colonial and naval contingents, would be 105,770. The Daily News says that as soon as the sixth corps is embarked it is intended to mobilize the seventh in case it should be needed.

Transvaal War Not Popular in Australia.

By cable to the Observer.

Melbourne, Dec'r 8.—The Transvaal war is by no means popular in Australia. This is the real cause of Queensland, Victoria and South Australia Legislatures overthrowing the cabinets. These officials, of their own motion, offered troops to assist Great Britain without consulting the Legislature. The Bulletin and other papers in Sydney are printing savage cartoons of Chamberlain.

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Gen. Young Heard From.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 7.—There is great relief at the War Department. Gen. Young has been heard from after a week's absence. Gen. Otis reports that Young has announced his arrival at Vigan on the evening of the fifth. He encountered a force of the enemy at Narbacan and drove them eastward into Sanquentin Canyan. His troops are now pressing them back. Six hundred prisoners who escaped reported that the insurgents allowed all but Americans and prominent Spaniards to escape from Bangued. Later the insurgents were driven into the mountains. Our casualties were one killed and twelve wounded. The enemy left in the trenches twenty-five killed.

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Monday, January 1st, 1900,

at 12 m., the following lands.

McD. GEDDIE,
Ex Sheriff of Cumberland County.

Holliday, Eliza, Cross Creek, imp Russell street, $13 30
Cotton, Marg't, Cross Creek, 1898 tax, imp Moore st, 1 lot '95 tax, 1 45
Moore, Caroline, Cross Creek, vac't King street, 1 85
Currie, J. C., Quewhiffle, 413 acres Drowning Creek, 1896, 97 and 98 tax, 53 31
Jernigan, A. M., Quewhiffle, 725 ac's, 9 06
Jernigan, Mrs. S. C., Quewhiffle, 140 acres, 4 16
Gainey, Dan, Cedar Cr'k, 27 ac's, res, 4 09
Gillis, M. A, Quewhiffle, 100 acres Rockfish, 5 71
Shaw, Duncan, estate, 71st, 1896 tax, 335 acres, residence, 14 50
Smith, John R., Gray's Creek, 800 acres, residence, 128 acres Williamson land, 1896 tax, 20 00
Batley, J. S, Rockfish, 333 acres McKinnon land, 1895 tax, 4 30
Williams, Henry, Black River, 45 acres, residence, 1 64
Cook, W. S., ag't, Rockfish, 180 ac's Sandy Johnson, 1896 and '98, 5 70
Cook, W. S., for Mrs. Johnson, 180 acres Sand Hill, fence tax, 1 70
McLean, D. N., res Haymount, 1897 and '98 fence tax, 4 30
Williford, W. D, Black River, 67 acres residence, 1898 tax, 6 17
Primm, Gilmore, Cross Creek, 2 ac's Little Cross Creek, 2 40

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court.

Marian A. Williams vs. Joseph A. Williams } Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the purpose of the same being to obtain a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county, to be held on the second Monday before the first Monday in March 1900, at the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., in said county, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

This 7th day of December 1899.

A A McKETHAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

H. L. Cook, Attorney.

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Commissioners' Sale of Valuable Land.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland Co. } In the Superior Court.

H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, *versus* Thomas G. Hall and his wife Mary R. Hall.

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me by a decree of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, entered at September Term, 18-9, in an action therein pending wherein H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, are plaintiffs and Thos. G. Hall and his wife Mary R. Hall are defendants, I will offer for sale at 12 o'clock M., on the 9th; day of December, 1899, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Market House in the city of Fayetteville, the following described real estate, situated in Cumberland county: Beginning at a stake on the east side of Piney Island, near the big swamp, thence through the big swamp N 73½ E 49 chains and 50 links to a stake; thence S 9 E 19 chains and 15 links to a lightwood stump near a pine point; thence N 82 E 28 chains and 35 links to a stake in John B. Hair's line thence S 8 E 21 chains and 50 links to a stake in the Barksdale line; thence S 80 W 64 chains to the mouth of a ditch at the causeway; thence N 78 W 12 chains and 84 links to a stake in the edge of Piney Island; thence N 11 W 31 chains and 5 links to the beginning, containing 229 acres more or less, being known as the Hall land. See Book I No. 4, page 384, office of Register of Deeds of Cumberland County.

Time of sale: December 9th, 1899, at 12 o'clock M.

Place of sale: Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Terms of sale: Cash.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1899.

JAMES C. MacRAE, Jr.,
Commissioner.

S. H. MacRae, Attorney.

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Administratrix Notice.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of M. H. Hall, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment on or before the 11th day of October, 1900. Otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement.

Melissa C. Hall,
Administratrix.

October 11, 1899.

Administratrix Notice.

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Flora A. McPherson, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 22nd day of November, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and make immediate settlement.

ISABELLA McP. MONROE,
H. L. Cook, Attorney. Administratrix.

Administrator's Notice

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Cynthia A. McKethan, deced, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them, properly authenticated, to the undersigned, on or before the 28th day of November, 1900. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment

DANIEL McKETHAN,
Administrator of Cynthia A. McKethan, Raeford, N. C.

Robinson & Shaw, Att'ys, Fayetteville.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court. Before the Clerk.

Ed. C. Smith, adm'r of Eliza Reddick, alias Powell, *against* Georgiana Reddick, Kitty Ann Powell and others.

The defendants, Floretta Powell, Hannah Johnson, Penny Powell, Coldren Reddick, Eliza Reddick and Nora Reddick, in the above entitled proceeding will take notice that a special proceeding for partition has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, N. C., for the purpose of subjecting real estate to sale to create assets to pay debts of the estate of the late Eliza Reddick or Eliza Powell (she being known by both names); and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County, N. C., at his office in the Court House of the aforesaid county, on the 11th day of December, 1899, at 12 o'clock m. and answer to or demur to the petition of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein demanded. This November 1st, 1899.

A. A. McKETHAN, Clerk of the Superior Court.

H. L. Cook, Attorney.

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LIZZIE E. MALLETT,
C. W. Broadfoot, Executrix.
Attorney.

October 3, 1899.

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Having this day duly qualified as administrator of the estate of J. O Williams, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me duly authenticated on or before the 19th day of October, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby notified to come forward and settle immediately.

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